

**Senate File 2035 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to teacher licensure of applicants from other  
2 states or countries by the board of educational examiners.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.8, subsection 3, Code 2014, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. Practitioner preparation and professional development  
4 programs offered in this state by out-of-state institutions  
5 must be approved by the board in order to fulfill requirements  
6 for licensure or renewal of a license by an applicant.  
7 Notwithstanding this section and section 256.16, if an  
8 applicant from another state or country meets the requirements  
9 of this section but has not met the assessment requirement of  
10 section 256.16, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),  
11 the board may issue to the applicant a conditional teaching  
12 license which shall be valid for not more than two years. The  
13 conditional teaching license shall authorize the applicant to  
14 be employed as a full-time beginning, probationary teacher in  
15 a subject area which shall be specified on the conditional  
16 license by the board.

17 EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill provides an exception to Code section 256.16, to  
21 allow the board of educational examiners to issue a conditional  
22 teaching license to an applicant from another state or  
23 country who has not taken the subject assessments that measure  
24 pedagogy and subject area knowledge. Students must take these  
25 assessments in an approved practitioner preparation program  
26 and must score above the 25th percentile nationally in order  
27 to graduate from the program. The applicant must file with  
28 the board evidence of the possession of all other required or  
29 equivalent requirements. The conditional teaching license is  
30 valid for not more than two years and authorizes the applicant  
31 to be employed as a full-time beginning, probationary teacher  
32 in a subject area which shall be specified on the license.